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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

I refer to the statement in your friend's letter regarding "the news of August 6 from Vienna that the Russians are stationing in Hungary and Czechoslovakia -- where so far no Soviet troops were stationed -- the Russian troops withdrawn from Austria. \* \* \*"

We do not know to what report of August 6 your friend refers. We have seen no such report.

We have no information that the Soviet forces now in Austria will be deployed to Hungary or Czechoslovakia. According to Marshal Zhukov's order of 31 July, such forces are to be withdrawn to the USSR. Approximately one third of the Soviet ground forces in Austria have already departed by a route indicating a move back to the USSR.

It is of course possible that some of them may be redeployed for a time in Hungary, but there is no hard information to this effect. It is also possible that some of the Soviet equipment now in Austria, including jet fighter units, might be redeployed to Czechoslovakia, and we have some unconfirmed reports to this effect.

/s/  
ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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